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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
REQUEST FOR FILING APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)
WITHOUT FILING FEE OR EXECUTED INVENTOR'S DECLARATION**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Atty. Dkt. 1579-373

Date: June 4, 2001

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 Provisional Application No. 60/208,493, filed June 2, 2000, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by
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